

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising preventing a message delivery service from being offered to a caller of a called party if the called party is included in a list that identifies called parties who do not want the message delivery service to deliver caller messages to them.

2. The invention of Claim 1 further comprising:
offering the message delivery service to the caller if the called party is not included in the list.

3. The invention of Claim 1 further comprising:
receiving a request from the called party to be included in the list; and
adding the called party to the list.

4. The invention of Claim 3, wherein a service management system adds the called party to the list.

5. The invention of Claim 1 further comprising determining if the called party is included in the list if the called party has not answered the call after a predetermined time.

6. The invention of Claim 1, wherein the list comprises caller-ID information.

7. The invention of Claim 1, wherein the list comprises names.

8. The invention of Claim 1, wherein the list comprises numbers.

9. The invention of Claim 1, wherein a service control point performs the preventing act.

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10. A method comprising preventing a message from being delivered to a called party if the called party is included in a list that identifies called parties who do not want a message to be delivered to them.

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11. The invention of Claim 10 further comprising:
delivering the message to the called party if the called party is not included in the list.

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12. The invention of Claim 10 further comprising:
receiving a request from the called party to be included in the list; and
adding the called party to the list.

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13. The invention of Claim 12, wherein a service management system adds the called party to the list.

14. The invention of Claim 10 further comprising determining if the called party is included in the list.

15. The invention of Claim 10, wherein the list comprises caller-ID information.

16. The invention of Claim 10, wherein the list comprises names.

5 17. The invention of Claim 10, wherein the list comprises numbers.

18. The invention of Claim 10, wherein a service control point performs the preventing act.

10 19. Computer-readable media comprising a software component that identifies called parties who do not want a message delivery service to deliver caller messages to them.

20. The invention of Claim 19, wherein the software component comprises a database file.

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